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Overview

September 2009 kicks off our transition from summer driving to winter driving and our Northern Command will begin our work in the changing weather. This month, Northern Command officers handled 347 crashes. An overview of the crashes showed 217 were property damage, 122 were injury, and eight were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 8.8% compared to last year. When compared to September of last year, fatal crashes doubled in number to eight. As compared to last September, our regional commercial vehicle crashes increased by 86% to 28 crashes. In our overall September 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 25 of our total crashes in the Northern Command, which is a 19% increase from last September.

The officers in our command arrested 119 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .15%, well above the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 36 years old. Our officers arrested and additional 82 people on various charges over the month of September. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,855 speeding citations, 700 hazardous moving citations and 310 seat belt citations.

This month played host to heavy traffic counts related to the Burning Man Festival, Labor Day Weekend and the annual rib cook-off in Sparks, NV. We also took extra time to participate in the "if You Drink, Think" campaign and the "Badge on Board" campaign in Reno, NV.

Governor Jim Gibbons and Director Jearld Hafen recognized our Northern and Southern Command K-9 program in a ceremony hosted at the Governor's office. The Officers and their K-9 partners received certificates for their contribution to seizing drugs and currency and deterring criminal activity on Nevada highways.

The Northern Command is dedicated to serving the public and we would like to thank all of our employees and allied agencies for their hard work and professionalism.

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NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

	September 09	September 08	% Change	August 09	% Change
Total Crashes	347	319	8.8%	283	22.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	217	202	7.4%	202	7.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	122	113	8.0%	77	58.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8	4	100.0%	4	100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	25	21	19.0%	19	31.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	9	5	80.0%	7	28.6%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	2	0.0%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	4	-75.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	28	15	86.7%	19	47.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	22	10	120.0%	17	29.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6	4	50.0%	1	500.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.3%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 7.2%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 50.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 8.1%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	September 09		September 08	% Change		August 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	25		21	19.0%		19	31.6%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	94		147	-36.1%		103	-8.7%
Other Arrests	437		687	-36.4%		519	-15.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	201		275	-26.9%		206	-2.4%
Speed violations	2855		3334	-14.4%		3019	-5.4%
Hazardous moving violations	700		1121	-37.6%		650	7.7%
Occupant restraint violations ##	310		546	-43.4%		232	33.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	6649		8935	-25.7%		6995	-5.1%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	98		47	108.5%		19	415.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	54		59	-8.5%		242	-77.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	657		940	-30.1%		518	26.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	396		485	-18.4%		325	21.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2250		2481	-9.3%		1689	33.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	85		103	-17.5%		91	-6.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	82		121	-32.2%		71	15.5%
Total school buses inspected	63		58	8.6%		63	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	8		0	800.0%		8	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	590		1180	-50.0%		590	0.0%
Total overweight citations	15		30	-50.0%		15	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	279		397	-29.7%		199	40.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	4		0	400.0%		0	400.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Sept 2009	Sept 2008	% Change	Aug 2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	249963	365685	-31.6%	238975	4.6%
CAD Incidents	17750	20154	-11.9%	17788	-0.2%
Telephone Calls	19254	21400	-10.0%	18340	5.0%
CAD Logs	162685	183254	-11.2%	130590	24.6%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	317	453	-30.02%	327	-3.06%
Arrest Reports Processed	240	324	-25.93%	228	5.26%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	32	9	255.56%	40	-20%
Office Accident Reports Taken	12	12	0.00%	19	-36.84%
Citations Processed	4,079	5,135	-20.56%	3,184	28.11%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1	1	0.00%	0	100%
Visitors at Counter	107	171	-37.43%	194	-44.85%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$878.50	\$1,021.50	-14%	\$803.00	9.40%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	593	713	-16.8%	540	9.8%
Warrants Entered	282	319	-11.6%	718	-60.7%
Warrants Cleared	546	516	5.8%	605	-9.8%
Warrants Validated	1324	23	5656.5%	2289	-42.2%
Extradition / Transports	35	26	34.6%	34	2.9%

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.15%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 36 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Six (6) contracts using 1.155 hours, billed in the amount of \$76,411.60

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
392	25	21	0	9

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
42	226	6	19	3	16

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

We began the busy month of September by attending a career fair hosted at the Grand Sierra Resort with our DPS personnel in Reno where approximately 1200 individuals attended the 3-hour event. The first week in September was also the time frame for the annual rib cook-off event in Sparks and the annual "Burning Man" event held at the Black Rock Desert just north of Gerlach. These and other events that are hosted in our geographical area throughout August bring in a tremendous amount of traffic to our area highways. Prior to the Labor Day weekend, our agency participated in the annual "If You Drink Think" alcohol awareness and educational event hosted by Scruples Bar and Grill in Reno. Troopers were on the premises from 6:00 – 11:00 pm providing field sobriety test and breath tests to those patrons wishing to know their individual levels of impairment. This event always receives a tremendous amount of earned media coverage and our agency receives positive feedback from the community. The Northern Nevada DUI Task Force also funded it. The NHP K-9 officers in our region and those serving in Las Vegas were all recognized at an event in Carson City with Governor Gibbons and Director Hafen. The individual teams of trooper and K-9 were presented certificates for their contribution to seizing drugs, illicit currency, and deterring criminal activity on our state's highways. Our agency was also represented at the national air race event in Stead. One of our fixed wing aircraft, NHP Air-3, was on display during the four-day event. Attendees not only saw our equipment up close, but also were shown how the aviation speed enforcement program works and that we provide prisoner transports on a regular basis. We also attended the annual event hosted by Granite Construction Company labeled "Big Dig". Young people were given the opportunity to sit in a patrol car as well as see, ride in, and experience large pieces of equipment up close. As we approached the end of the month, our agency kicked off an event with a news press conference for the "Badge on Board" program. The commercial motor vehicle enforcement section along with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Nevada Motor Transport Association are teaming up to reduce accidents and hazardous moving violations on our state's highway with this program that is scheduled to continue through February 2010. How this program works is a trooper will be riding with one of our civilian employees in an 18-wheeled commercial motor vehicle. With their eyes looking for violations, and an inboard camera capturing that activity, other troopers will initiate the traffic stop and administer the appropriate enforcement action for those violations. This event was kicked off in Las Vegas and Elko as well. Our area received a large amount of media coverage for that event that included individual interviews, photographs, and ride-along opportunities.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft made 26 flights during the month of September for a total of 66.8 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
8	33.3	50	Speed Enforcement
12	29.4	44	Prisoner Transport
1	1.6	2	Pilot Training
1	1.0	1	Transport Guns
2	.7	1	Reno Air Races

Two out of state prisoner extraditions were conducted during the month; on the 3rd, the plane was flown to Jamestown, Ca. to transport Gregory Sewell to Reno on a Battery on a Peace Officer warrant and on the 22nd, Zachary Zafranovich was transported to Reno from San Carlos, Ca. on a felony hit and run warrant.

On the 8th, the pilot completed a biennial flight review as required by the FAA.

While working speed enforcement at Boomtown on the 10th, Reno Approach Control requested we search Dog Valley as they had received a report of a large plane down. No plane was located – it was no doubt a low flyover in preparation for the Reno Air Races at Stead.

The airplane was on static display at the Reno Air Races at Stead airport from the 17th through the 20th. Also on display was Trooper Jeff Leathley's 1953 Ford NHP Patrol car.

Nine speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month. Two of these missions were for the "Badge on Board" program whereby vehicles speeding around trucks and committing other violations were clocked and stopped by commercial officers.

The Badge on Board aircraft mission scheduled for the 29th at Boomtown was cancelled due to extremely high winds. All other missions were flown as scheduled. Following is a breakdown of activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	285
Hazardous	13
Non-Hazardous	29
Seat belt	1

During the course of enforcement, eight motorist assists were accomplished. The high speed for the month occurred at Derby Dam on the 7th. A green Toyota pickup returning from Burning Man was clocked at 97 mph.

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